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REMARKS

Applicants certainly appreciate the Examiner's time during our recent interview on June 29, 2006. During the interview, no agreement was reached. However, Examiner Thompson did suggest some claim language which may put the claims in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to further clarify where the "journal surface" is located. This amendment adds no new matter and should not require any further searching or consideration.

Claim 1 has been amended to specify the journal surface is located between the seal and a locking element groove of the cylindrical bearing pin 17. Support for this amendment can be found in the Specification on page 7, lines 14-22 and figure 1. In figure 1, the journal surface is now further described as the area between the seal 31 and the groove for the race or ball 33. These "balls" are used to lock cone 23 to the bearing pin 17, hence the term "locking element" is claimed. Therefore, the portion of the cylindrical bearing pin's outer surface which extends forward of the balls 33 is excluded from the journal surface as defined by Applicants.

Ippolito's hollow recess is not located on the journal surface as claimed by Applicants. Rather, to the contrary, the hollow recess of Ippolito is located between forward of the balls 15 of Ippolito's Figure 1. As discussed above, this portion of the bearing pin's surface is specifically excluded from Applicant's journal surface as defined in Claim 1. Accordingly, amended Claim 1 should now be allowed. Claims 2, 3, and 5 depend from Claim 1, thus Applicants submit they should also be allowed.

It is respectfully submitted the application is now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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